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- In the Port Arthur area, the Chinese Communists have initiated a policy of land redistribution. To facilitate the program, twenty-seven groups known as Salvation Units of the Peoples Movement Work Group have been organized. The number of people in each Salvation Unit varies.
- The Sixth Salvation unit which has its office in Chouchiat'un (121-18, 38-54), is responsible for the redistribution of land in Chouchiat'un, Yuchiat'un (121-19, 32-50) and Liushufang (121-19, 38-54). There are fifty-four persons employed by this office under the direction of CHOU Ts'ai (周 才), who is illiterate but familiar with the area and its people. The Sixth Salvation Unit spent seventy days working out the land redistribution program for its district and reported that there were 180 families in the following classifications:

	Number of	Famili
1.	Farmers	
	a. Wealthy	3 7 37
	b. Fairly well-to-do	7
	o. Husbandmen	37
	d. Small land owners who also	
	own land in other districts	4,
2 .	Laborers	
	a. Railroad workers	33 33
	b. Dock workers	33
	c. Long-term workers (? on farms ? in city)	
	d. Short-term workers (? on farms ? in city)	26
3.	Craftsmen	
	a. Carpenters	2
	b. Masons	3
le a	Small vendors	12
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5 .	Horse-carriage drivers	4
6.	Rickshaw pullers	4
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7.	Teachers	5
o.	Floor for Idan	77
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- 3. The following groups will receive land in the Sixth Salvation District under the redistribution program:
 - 1. Large families with low incomes, families of widows, widowers and orphaned families will receive 5 mou of land. (1 mou equals 6.6 acres).
 - 2. Families which are smaller than the first group but live under relatively poor conditions will receive 3 mou of land.
 - 3. Husbandmen with inadequate incomes will receive 1.5 mou of land.
- A total of 138 families in the Sixth Salvation Unit District have been classified in one of the three groups above. The average amount of land to be distributed to each family will be 3.9 mon. The best land will be distributed to the families of soldiers and martyrs. In addition to the land, 272 houses will be distributed to 142 families. Whenever houses are confiscated from private owners, the owner shall be allowed to retain a part of the house for the use of his family. Persons occupying confiscated houses in rice field areas must move immediately however, and rent space elsewhere. In general, families receiving land will be housed near their land.

comment: The above detailed information concerning the activities of one redistribution unit as a indicative of the land redistribution policy in the other districts).

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